

Holy Saints, Pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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The only one?

Do you have friends who are Christians? Sometimes you might feel kind of alone as an Orthodox Christian. At school, you might not be allowed to talk about your church or about God. You might be the only one to make the sign of the Cross at lunchtime, or maybe the only one to miss school on Holy Friday. Or maybe sometimes, you might be the only one standing up for something you know is right.

But do you know—you always have thousands and thousands of Christians on your side? They are ready to help you be strong. They are ready to help you keep you close to Jesus Christ. Who are these people? The saints! They are on God's side too, and when we pray to them, they listen to us and help us with what we need.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear about how God wants us to remember Christ in front of other people. The Lord said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven." That means we have to be strong Christians, even when we feel like we're the only ones! And when we do that, God promises that He will also remember us before His Father. He will keep us close to Him. What could be better than that?



Only God can count how many saints there are!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Acknowledge
- All Saints
- Creator
- Faith
- Inna
- Pinna
- Rimma
- Solstice
- Strong
- Wisdom
- Worship

N E L G R Z M K P S F S K D U
 V B H E M C J I Z R T D J I N
 M K P B H B H Z T T V R N V Z
 E U O R A S E U P E X N O R A
 C J J L R M O N S T A E F N B
 I D U O Z Z M T B U Y Q G V G
 T L W S W X N I C R E A T O R
 S N A N N I P S R G G G A I O
 L W P R A U S P H G Z X G V E
 O B S S I Z E D D H H H M O A
 S K L L P M C C O I O W I F I
 F L R L Z R T G C M G K T A Z
 A F R H B Q B J B T H C M I M
 A C K N O W L E D G E B O T J
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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Can you take a few minutes to look at the icon for today? Maybe it is in the narthex of your church.

Can you see the hundreds of saints surrounding our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? But in real life it is thousands and thousands and thousands!



SAINTS INNA, PINNA, AND RIMMA WORSHIPING THE SON OF GOD

This Tuesday is the summer solstice. Do you know what that means? If you live in the northern half of the world, it's the longest day of the year. The sun shines longer that day than any other day of the year.



The three saints: Inna, Pinna, and Rimma

Long ago, many people were pagans. They worshiped many false gods. Sometimes, they even worshiped the sun, or a "sun god."

This day, the summer solstice, was a big party for them because it's the day you see the sun the most! (Did you know that some people still do worship the sun?)

Saints Inna, Pinna, and Rimma were three saints who lived when most people were pagans. These three saints learned about Christ from the apostle Andrew, and St. Andrew baptized them. Then, they taught lots of pagan people about Christ too, and they baptized them and made them Christians! Sadly, the pagan prince captured the three men. He made them stay in an icy river until they died. But these saints wanted to worship the true Son—the Son of God, Jesus Christ—not the sun we see in the sky. They knew that what they said mattered. They kept their faith because they loved the Lord, and they wanted to be with the Son forever!

We celebrate these three saints tomorrow, June 20th (OC: July 3rd).